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GREAT VICTORY HAS BEEN WON BY AMERICA'S FLEET

THE MAINE DISASTER IS FEARFULLY AVENGED

Admiral Dewey Annihilates the Spanish Fleet in Manila Bay.

Heavy Losses of the Spaniards in Killed and Wounded.

LONDON, May 1.—While it is quite clear that the Spanish squadron has suffered a crushing defeat, the dispatches leave unclear the intensely interesting question whether the American squadron has suffered material damage.

All news thus far comes from Spanish sources, but it seems evident that Commodore Dewey has not captured Manila. Unless he is able to make another attack and capture the town he will be in an awkward position, having no base upon which to retire and to refit.

Probably, therefore, the United States squadron will be obliged to make for San Francisco, as the entrance to Manila bay was heavily mined with torpedoes.

Commodore Deway displayed great pluck and daring in making for the inner harbor. According to private advices received from Madrid, the United States cruisers Olympia, Raleigh and two other vessels, the names of which are not given, entered the harbor. No dispatches received here give details as to the vessels actually engaged on either side.

It appears to be incorrect that the ships anchored behind the merchantmen are on the east side of the bay. It should be the west side.

Proimbilities point in the direction of the second engagement having occurred with the Spaniards trying to prevent the landing of the American wounded. Reliable details cannot be had until Commodore Dewey's squadron is able to communicate with Hong Kong. There is, however, a suspicious frankness in the Spanish dispatches that savors of the intention to break unwelcome news to the Spaniards. It is not likely, however, that Commodore Dewey will renew the attack.

DECIVERS TO THE LAST.

MADRID, May 1.—10 p. m.—Admiral Bermejo, minister of marine, joined the cabinet council this evening and informed his colleagues that the Spanish forces had gained a victory in the Philippines. He asserted that he found difficulty in restraining his joyful emotions. The official dispatch does not mention the destruction of any American vessel, although it says that the United States squadron finally cast anchor in the bay beyond the foreign merchantmen.

REJOICING AT WASHINGTON.

WASHINGTON, May 1.—Washington is rejoicing tonight. Not since the dark days of the great civil conflict of a third of a century ago have the people of this city been so profoundly moved by war news as they were this evening. General rejoicing over the victory of Admiral Dewey was the order of the night. The streets were crowded and the people greatly excited.

MADRID EXCITED.

The Bad News Received by Immense Crowds.

MADRID, May 1.—11.30 p. m.—The town is greatly excited by the serious news from the Phillipines, and there is an immense crowd gathering in the Calle de Sevilla.

The civil guards on horseback were called out to preserve order and all precautions have been taken.

PREMATURE REJOICING.

Which the Latest News Will Speedily Change.

GIBRALTAR, May 2.—2 a. m.—A popular demonstration was made in the Spanish lines last night. Over 6000 persons paraded the streets with torches and flags and cries of "Viva Espana" were heard on all sides.

BLANCO'S RESOLVE.

He Will Defend Havana to the Last Extremity.

LONDON, May 2.—The Havana correspondent of the *Daily Mail*, telegraphing on April 26th, says Captain General Blanco has determined upon a desperate defense of Havana.

In Matanzas 10,000 soldiers are engaged day and night in throwing up earth works and encompassing the entire city in a segment of a great cirule.

LACKS CONFIRMATION.

Americans Forced to Retire From Cienfuegoes.

LONDON, May 2.—The Madrid correspondent of the *Daily Mail*, telegraphing Sunday, says: "The Americans were pillaging the steamer Argonaut, seized off Cienfuegos and carrying a quantity of arms and ammunition, when three Spanish gunboats went out and compelled them to withdraw."

AT WASHINGTON

The Cabinet Delighted With the Victory.

President McKinley Perusing Every Dispatch With the Deepest Interest.

WASHINGTON, May 2.—Thus far no official advices have been received by the government, but the Associated Press dispatches were to be transmitted to the President and officials of the administration as rapidly as they were received.

The President, in company with several of his advisers, read the bulletins in the library of the White House early in the evening, but later in the night he went to his office on the second floor of the executive mansion, where until a late hour, he continued to peruse every dispatch with deepest interest.

OFFICIALS DELIGHTED.

Officials of the navy department were reticent in discussing the conflict, in the absence of official information but they made no pretense of concealing their great gratification.

It has been known for days at the navy department that a conflict at Manila was inevitable, and while no great fear of the result was expressed, there was yet a deep concern in the home of every official until tonight's news removed some of the weight from their minds.

When Secretary Bliss was shown the first dispatch, briefly recounting the victory of the American squadron, he unhesitatingly expressed his gratification at the result.

CLEAN, GLORIOUS VICTORY.

Secretary Alger declared that it was a "clean, glorious victory," but in common with other officials of the administration declined to make extended comment on it.

The absence of any statement of specific injury to the American vessels in the Madrid advices was construed as a convincing indication that they had not suffered appreciable injury, and this was especially pleasing to the naval students of the news.

Not only was the preservation of the ship and men considered in itself a happy outcome, but was commented on as indicating clearly that Admiral Dewey and his associate officers and men under their command had splendidly discharged their several duties in directing and executing the fight.

In this connection it was pointed out as little less than marvelous that the American squadron escaped without severe injury, because, notwithstanding the disparity in the naval forces, the Spanish fleet, assisted by the shore batteries, should have been able to inflict severe damage prior to its being destroyed. Its failure to do so was explicable only upon the hypothesis of perfect and swift work by the American squadron.

MAY END THE WAR.

An opinion freely expressed tonight by naval officers is that the decisive victory of Admiral Dewey's fleet will mean probably an early end to the war without further naval battles of importance. The American fleet, it is suggested, is now supreme in the waters of Spain's Pacific possessions and indications were strongly toward the slipping of the Phillipines from her control.

It was said that only by quickly yielding to our demands in Cuba could this loss possibly be averted. Spain, it was argued, was confronted with a situation which promised naught save disaster in case she elected to force more fighting. The superiority of the American fleet has been demonstrated in the Pacific and the same, it is contended, would be inevitable in the Atlantic in case the clash comes.

CUBA FREE!

From whatever point of view considered, the policy of more fighting on the part of Spain promises nothing but more Spanish misfortune. Navy officers think this view must prevail with the Spanish government, and believe an end of the war on the basis of Cuban independence is to follow soon, and that, too, without further notable opportunity for the American navy to prove its power and distinguish itself.

Judge McComas, in expressing his joy over the result of the conflict, struck the key note of the expected result of the cannonading at Manila today when he said that it was likely to have a tremendous effect not only in Spain, but throughout Europe. He expressed the belief that it would turn the tide of European sentiment toward the United States.

SPANISH REVOLUTION POSSIBLE.

In official circles it is regarded as almost certain that trouble of a most critical kind will confront the Sagasta government within Spain's own borders. It is predicted that the Spanish people have been led to believe that their navy was invincible and the bitter disappointment that will come over the result of the first engagement of the war is likely to precipitate internal discussion, if not a revolution.

A HOPELESS CONTEST.

Another result of Admiral Dewey's victory, it is thought, may be action on the part of the powers of Europe to induce Spain to abandon what is regarded as a hopeless contest for her. Representations may be made to Spain that she would better relinquish her hold upon Cuba than to risk losing all of her West Indian possessions and the Philippines as well. It is not unlikely that the representations will indicate that, since Spain's honor has been satisfied by a conflict, Spain can now yield to the inevitable and accept the good offices of the powers to bring about an adjustment.

WHY DEWEY LANDED.

In the dispatches from Madrid the statement was made that Admiral Dewey effected a landing on the west side of Manila bay for the men of his fleet who were wounded in the engagement. It was suggested in official circles that this landing had a two-fold purpose. It was not only that the wounded might have better care than they could receive on shipboard in the face of other probable engagements, but also to carry out what was known to be Admiral Dewey's purpose to effect a junction with the insurgents as soon as possible. The insurgent forces practically surround Manila on both sides of the city, and with the intention of securing control of Manila as soon as possible, Admiral Dewey was to obtain a footing on the island at the earliest practicable moment. As soon as the junction of the American and insurgent forces, the one on sea and the other on land, is effected, a demand is likely to be made for the surrender of the city, and in the event of refusal a combined attack would be made on it. The result of such an attack in the absence of a Spanish fleet and effective shore batteries seems a foregone conclusion.

DISPATCH BOAT SENT.

No news of a definite character is given concerning the loss sustained by Admiral Dewey's squadron and it is scarcely likely, in the opinion of experts of the navy, that authentic information will be received until Admiral Dewey has opportunity to communicate officially with the department.

It is regarded as probable that immediately after the engagements of topay Admiral Dewey sent the revenue cutter McCulloch back to Hong Kong with dispatches and that the first information from him will come from that point.

The distance from Manila to Hong Kong is a trifle over 600 miles and it will take the McCulloch about two days to make the trip.

WENT DOWN WITH THEIR SHIPS.

LONDON, May 2.—A special dispatch from Madrid this morning says the Spaniards fought splendidly, the sailors refusing to leave the burning and sinking ships. The captain of the Reina Christina went down with the vessel.

SPAIN CLAIMS A VICTORY.

LONDON, May 2.—A special dispatch from Madrid says the ministry of marine claims a victory for the Spanish, because the Americans were forced to retire behind merchantmen.

MANY SPANISH VESSELS ARE BURNED AND SUNK

MADRID, May 1.—Advices from Manila say the American squadron appeared in the bay off Manila at 5 o'clock this morning and opened a strong fire against the Spanish squadron and the forts protecting the harbor.

Official advices to the Spanish Minister of War, General Correa, admit that two Spanish cruisers were set on fire and burned to the water's edge by shells from the American squadron. Several of the Spanish gunboats were sunk by order of Admiral Montejo to avoid falling into the hands of Commodore Dewey.

Among the killed was Captain Cardarzo, commanding the Maria Christina.

Before the conclusion of the battle Admiral Montejo was obliged to transfer his flag from the cruiser Reina Maria Christina to the cruiser Isla de Cuba to avoid a similar fate as that which befell Captain Cardarzo.

The Spanish admit having sustained great losses, both of ships and marines. They claim that the Americans have also lost many killed and wounded, but do not claim to have seriously disabled any of the American squadron.

The Spanish cruisers which were burned were the Castilla and the second-class cruiser Don Juan de Austria. The American squadron is now anchored in a safe part of Manila bay.

SPANISH CRUISERS BURNED. MANY GUNBOATS SUNK

The Captain of the Maria Christina Goes Down on His Ship.

The Defeat May End the War at Once. Madrid in Despair.

THE SPANISH CABINET.

A Crisis is Imminent on the Cuban Question.

LONDON, May 2.—The Madrid correspondent of the Standard says: "The sitting of the house of deputies yesterday (Saturday) was extremely interesting. The Carlists and Republicans had bitterly criticised the action of the governments of the regency and the monarchy with persisting during the last twenty-four years in a policy of too systematic neutrality and isolation in Europe, which now, in Spain's hour of trial, has deprived her of anything but platonic sympathy.

Senor Gullon, the foreign minister, in the course of his reply remarked that alliances were founded upon interest alone and as Spain could offer but little, other powers could only give her little. Senor Silvela, in a speech which has made a profound impression and is regarded as marking a turning point in Spain's politics, declared that as the Cuban problem was now reduced to a question of "honor for the Spanish arms," it behooved ministers to assume without hesitation the responsibility of deciding when the point of honor had been sufficiently satisfied.

When the time had been reached, he said, it would be time to appeal to the European nations so that they could decide what ought to be done to restore peace and determine the fate of Cuba, because all the powers were interested in Cuba's future.

Senor Silvela declared that all the idealist foreign policies were things of the past; that nations nowadays were moved by their interests and that therefore, if Spain sought the intervention of the powers, she must "approach them with something practicable, for instance on the basis of the Philippine Islands and with her hands full."

Everybody was struck by Senor Silvela's transparent allusion to future inevitable sacrifices and concessions. His eloquent and powerful speech concluded with the plain declaration that Senor Silvela and his party were ready for office, if the Liberal ministry recoiled from assuming the heavy responsibility of such a policy.

El Imparcial says: "It behooves the nation, not the cabinet, to say when honor is satisfied."

This criticism practically confirms Senor Silvela's views.

The April settlement on the bourse has been much easier than was expected. The prices of all articles imported from abroad are rising rapidly, the war having a deterrent effect on all commerce, trade and industry. The bank of Spain's balance sheet shows a fresh decline of 4,000,000 pesetas, the silver cash on hand, owing to the run on the provincial branches. Until further notice the government has suspended all mail steamer services between Spain and the West Indies.

MONTEJO'S REPORT.

The Spanish Admiral Admits a Grave Disaster.

MADRID, via Paris, May 1.—The time of the "retreat" of the American fleet behind the merchantmen was 11.30 a. m. The naval bureau at Manila sends the following report, signed "Montejo, Admiral:"

"In the middle of the night the Amer-

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OUR FIRST VICTORY.

The first engagement of the war between the United States and Spain was fought off Manila yesterday, and as it was expected would be the case, the Americans emerged from the battle as victors. The American navy has again demonstrated its superiority and has added another to its long list of glorious achievements.

It is true that most of our vessels were of a superior type and were better armed, but the Spanish ships were more numerous, and numbers count for something. The difference that counted most, however, was in the personnel of the combatants.

Centuries ago the Spaniards were good sailors, though they were always excelled by the British; but the career of the American bluejacket has been an unbroken record of success and honor. There is no sailor in the world who is the equal of the American sailor.

While the dispatches note the destruction of several Spanish vessels and many Spanish sailors, the Americans seem not to have lost even one ship, though there has been loss of life. What part the forts at Manila took in the battle is not stated, though, judging from results, it must have been ineffective, as was predicted in the REPUBLICAN a few days ago. Though still in the hands of the Spaniards at this writing, it is likely that today will witness the hauling down of the Spanish flag at Manila.

It is intimated in the dispatches that the defeat of the Spaniards at Manila will bring the war to a speedy termination, as Spain will see the futility of resisting any longer. It is sincerely to be hoped that this will be the case. Spain is in no condition to continue the struggle and to persist in offering what can only be a weak resistance. She will merely plunge herself further into debt, uselessly sacrifice more lives and eternally disgrace herself. Let her call her ships home, give up Cuba and console herself as best she may.

TO COMMODORE DEWEY: Bill McKinley and the congress of the United States and the rest of the American people send you greeting. You're all right and so are the brave boys in blue who executed your orders.

COMMANDER DEWEY appears to be an early riser. According to the REPUBLICAN's dispatches he "turned out" at 5 o'clock yesterday morning and began to shoot up the Spanish navy.

WHEN the Spaniards decide to blow up another American battleship in time of peace, they will take the matter under consideration and then decide not to do it.

GOOD news may not come our way all the time, but we haven't had much of the other kind up to date, thank the Lord!

SPAIN'S navy isn't much bigger than that of Uncle Sam, and still she seems to have ships to burn.

THE pig stickers don't use a pontiard when they go hunting for Spanish game.

MANILA will do for an appetizer, but Havana is the place to make a square meal.

MANILA will do well enough for an American coaling station.

Electric Fans.

The San Joaquin Electric Company will supply current for use of fan motors for season 1898 at a monthly rate of $2 for ten inch and $3 for twelve-inch and ceiling fans. The company will collect pay from the time fans are put in till it is notified to discontinue service.

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In view of the very marked success which has attended similar mining enterprises here within the past two or three years, and the most remarkable endorsements of those mining properties—namely, the Gold Bug and Ida Mitchell—The Placerville Gold Bug Mining Company should at once come into public favor.

The following are the names of the incorporators: General M. W. Muller, commanding the Third Brigade, N.G.C., and grain broker; Dr. A. J. Pedlar, State Senator, and surgeon Third Brigade, N.G.C.; T. J. Kirk, County Superintendent of Schools; O. L. Everts, of the firm of Everts & Ewing, attorneys-at-law; A. Albrecht, real estate and insurance; J. W. Short, editor of FRESNO REPUBLICAN; C. A. Shattuck, resident representative of Canadian and American Mutual and United Trust Company of Liverpool, England, all of Fresno; W. H. Hammond, Mayor of Visalia and County Clerk of Tulare county; C. S. Young, ex-State Mineralogist (ex-officio) of Nevada, well known as right of way agent of The San Francisco & San Joaquin Valley Railway Company. It is also understood that Colonel D. H. Jackson, former superintendent of the Union Consolidated and other mines at Virginia City, Nev., and owner of various California mines at the present time, is also to be interested in the company and to be the superintendent of the mines.

The names of the officers elected for the first year are as follows: Dr. A. J. Pedlar, president; O. L. Everts, vice president; A. Albrecht, secretary; Bank of Central California, treasurer; D. H. Jackson, superintendent.

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Mrs. A. Iverson, residing at 720 Henry St., Alton, Ill., suffered with sciatic rheumatism for over eight months. She doctored for it nearly the whole of this time, using various remedies recommended by friends, and was treated by the physicians, but received no relief. She then used one and a half bottles of Chamberlain's Pain Balm, which effected a complete cure. This is published at her request, as she wants others similarly afflicted to know what cured her. The 25 and 50 cent sizes for sale by Smith Bros., corner Hughes hotel.

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GERMANY WILL FALL IN LINE

Her Position is Clearly Defined.

A Saxon Not a Latin Nation.

Even the Delay in Proclaiming Neutrality is Based on Friendly Feeling.

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BERLIN, April 30.—Public attention is so engrossed with the Hispano-American struggle that the reconvening of the reichstag and the Prussian diet has been almost unnoticed. The newspapers print entire pages of war news from all parts, mostly unreliable, and much of it is unfavorable to the United States. Extras are repeatedly issued alleging great naval disasters to the Americans. One of the worst offenders announced on Wednesday evening last that four American war ships had been blown up (giving among the victims a fictitious ironclad) off Buenos Ayres. As a whole, however, the German press has ceased its hostile tone towards the United States. For this change the government is entirely responsible, as all the newspapers which are in the habit of obtaining information from the foreign office, which includes all newspapers of importance in the empire, were this week given a hint to stop this abuse of the United States as being directly opposed to the government's attitude, besides being unpatriotic and politically unwise.

The point was effective and not a line directly hostile to America has since been printed in any paper.

The correspondent of the Associated Press notes that several newspapers, notably the Frankfort *Zeitung*, have adopted a distinctly friendly tone respecting the war.

LATIN AND SAXON.

The fact that Paris, Rome and Portuguese newspapers, which are even more unfriendly to the United States than German newspapers were, all point out that the war is a conflict of the Latins against the Anglo-Saxons, also has had some effect in bringing about the quick change in Germany, and some of the formerly most hostile newspapers are now emphasizing the view that the interests of Germany are entirely on the side of America. For instance the Berlin *Post*, which enjoys close relations with Prince Hohenlohe, the Imperial Chancellor, and which hitherto has roundly abused the United States as "rapacious" and "pharisaical," now quotes utterances of French newspapers and deduces therefrom that it must be clearly to Germany's interests to side with the enemies of France.

FORECASTING THE WAR.

Among a mass of articles dealing with the war, the *Kreuz Zeitung*, a favorite army paper, publishes an article contributed by Major Scheibert, who, judging from personal experiences during the civil war in the United States, says:

"The Americans may incur serious reverses at the commencement of hostilities, and unless their navy is strong enough to force a great battle and demolish the naval resources of Spain, which I think very doubtful, the war will drag along for years and cost America much more blood and treasure than her people believe possible."

Herr Liebknecht, the socialist leader, writes as follows:

"The war means a new grouping of the powers. Henceforth Europe will have to reckon with the United States as a decisive factor in the world's politics. If the German government is blind, it must open its eyes to this fact and shape its political course accordingly."

NEW TRIPLE ALLIANCE.

In concluding Herr Liebknecht says: 'The United States, as well as Great Britain, has been preparing to form during the year past, the newest dreibund, the United States, Great Britain and Japan. If it is effected it means the end of the old European paramount power in the world's policy."

In the Reichstag also this week, during the debate upon the Kiau Chou affair, Herr Liebknecht told the government that while they had not informed the Reichstag of it, he knew that during the Chino-Japan war the United States had informed European cabinets that it had vaster material interests to guard in the far East than all the European powers, Great Britain excepted, and whatever was done in the far East, the United States must be consulted. This statement was contradicted by the government.

GERMAN INTERESTS AFFECTED.

The war is already seriously affecting German interests. The increase in the price of cereals since April 1st is greater even than the rise in New York and Chicago. Wheat has risen from 198 marks to 221, the highest in recent years, the effects of which are much felt by the poor. The price of meat also is up considerably.

German exporters have decided that henceforth they must insure against war losses. Premiums now range from ½ to ¾ per cent.

Exporters of Berlin, Chemnitz, Klingenthal Barmen, Sogingen, Greiz, Markrich and Mulhausen have received countermands for most of their American orders.

German merchants at the Azores and Philippine islands have asked the foreign office for protection.

GERMAN NEUTRALITY.

The United States embassy does not regard the fact of Germany's not issuing a declaration of neutrality as indicative of unfriendliness, but rather the reverse; while it reiterates that the minister for foreign affairs, Baron Von Buelow, has given repeated assurances, some of which have been quite recent, that Germany will observe the strictest neutrality, not only now, but throughout the war, coupling with these assurances expressions of the most friendly feelings of the present German government for the government and the people of the United States.

In conversation upon the subject the United States ambassador, Andrew D. White, said: "There is absolutely no reason to expect anything but fair and impartial neutrality from Germany, which is all the United States wanted or expected."

As a matter of fact, Germany's decision not to formally declare neutrality means nothing more or less than that, while it leaves the government's hands free, it is expected to enable German merchants to reap a harvest by selling freely to both combatants. At the same time it may be gathered from the fact that Spain strenuously sought to induce Germany to proclaim neutrality, that she regards neutrality as conducive to her interests.

PAPAL MEDIATION.

Mr. White, while at Dresden, had several conversations with the papal nuncio, Mgr. Lorinzelli, who told him that the vatican had been ill-advised in its recent attempt at mediation. Continuing, Mgr. Lorinzelli said: "What the Pope ought to have done was to induce Spain to give the Pope Cuba, he giving it to the Cubans."

Despite denials, it is a fact that many well known German officers, whose aristocratic names, if published, would create a sensation in Germany, applied at the United States embassy for permission to join the American forces. A large percentage of the American students are en route home to offer their services to the government.

The German-American club of Berlin at a special meeting this week adopted resolutions expressing sympathy and encouragement "in the righteous war against tyrannical Spain."

The Prussian diet, on Wednesday, exhaustively debated the question of American meat imports. Members characterized American meat inspection as a hoax. They said the meats were affected with trichinosis and preserved in acids, which were ruinous to health, and pleaded in favor of their total exclusion.

The minister of agriculture, Baron Von Hammerstein, Leasten, then announced that an imperial decree to that effect, which would be valid throughout Germany, was to be passed.

It is understood that a bill to this effect will be presented to the reichstag and passed before adjournment.

THE ANGLO-SAXON.

Another English Appeal for American Friendship.

LONDON, April 30.—Brassey's Naval Annual for 1898 was published today. It contained the usual mass of valuable information. Lord Brassey, who is the father of the editor of the Naval Annual, and who is governor of the British colony of Victoria, contributed an article on the British navy in 1898, which concludes with a plea for a league of the English speaking countries.

He says: "In the present anxious position of affairs we shall not relax our efforts to create such naval forces as will insure the safety of the empire, but if in the process of time we can accomplish a closer union between ourselves and the United States, if we establish a perpetual league of all English speakers for settling their differences by arbitration, nay, more for mutual defense, if threatened by external foes, then we shall have changed the circumstances.

"Our latent resources would be too overwhelming to be challenged or contested. Let us cherish the hope that a consummation so happy may some day be reached by the sagacity of our statesmen and the growing wisdom and good will of our kindred people."

Loose Banking Methods.

WASHINGTON, April 30.—The comptroller of the currency today received a telegram from Bank Examiner Ewer stating that he had taken charge of the Hampshire County National Bank of Northampton, Mass. The president, who, the examiner says, is a defaulter to the amount of $75,000 or $100,000, is reported as missing. The president of the National Bank is said to be also president of the Hampshire Savings Bank, and when the discovery of the defalcation was made there was a run. The government examiner made an arrangement through the state examiner for an examination of the two banks at the same time, making it impossible for those in charge to transfer funds from one to the other to cover up shortages. In its last statement the officers of the National Bank reported capital, $250,000; deposits, $520,000; surplus, $60,000.

Where Justice Moved Swiftly.

MADISON, Wis., April 30.—Will B. Estor and William Fuller, the two robbers arrested at Waukesha for the murder of an aged couple and the burning of the bodies Wednesday night, pleaded guilty to the crime here today. They were sentenced to life imprisonment and were taken to Waupun prison immediately. They landed in prison thirty hours after the crime was committed. Both made a full confession to the Sheriff and District Attorney.

Another Powder Mill Blown Up.

SACRAMENTO, April 30.—A bolt of lightning struck one of the buildings of the Clipper Gap, Placer county, Powder Company. There were two explosions, one that blew up the glaze mill and the other wheel or grinding mill. One man was killed. No details of the accident have been received. The Clipper Gap mills are making only blasting powder for miners' use.

Wise After the Event.

SANTA CRUZ, April 30.—City Clerk Wright says that last summer he noticed a Spaniard here, who visited the powder works and made sketches of the bay shore. Wright suspected the man to be a spy and communicated his suspicions to Lieutenant Governor Jeter, but before any action could be taken the Spaniard disappeared.

A Fraternal Veteran.

SAN MIGUEL, April 30.—Justice of the Peace J. G. Millman died here today, aged 72 years. He was a native of Indiana, came to California in 1851 and resided for many years in Sacramento and San Francisco. He was a past master Mason and past noble grand of the Odd Fellows, which order he joined forty years ago.

Sonoma County Crops.

SANTA ROSA, April 30.—This afternoon a largely attended meeting of horticulturists of Sonoma county was held here. The reports presented show that the prune crop of the county will be very good. Apples, grapes, hay and grain will produce fairly well.

Italy's Bread Riots.

ROME, April 30.—Bread riots continue in various parts of Italy and the cabinet, availing itself of the authority which is retained under the conventions with the railroads and navigation companies, has decided to reduce the transport rates on articles of consumption 50 per cent.

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7.20 a.m.	9.00 a.m.	Stockton	3.45 p.m.	5.30 p.m.
8.15 a.m.	12.50 p.m.	Merced	12.50 a.m.	3.52 p.m.
10.40 a.m.	3.50 p.m.	Fresno	9.30 a.m.	2.20 p.m.
11.40 a.m.	5.20 p.m.	Hanford	7.46 a.m.	1.25 p.m.
12.15 p.m.	6.45 p.m.	Visalia	6.40 a.m.	12.40 p.m.

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12.55 a.m.—LOS ANGELES EXPRESS—Daily, for Mojave, Santa Barbara, Los Angeles and intermediate points.

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5.30 a.m.—EXPRESS—Daily, via Martinez, for Merced, San Francisco, Sacramento, Portland, Ogden and East.

7.50 a.m.—MIXED TRAIN—Daily, for Fowler, Selma, Kingsburg, Goshen Junction, connecting at Goshen Junction with mixed train for Hanford, Armona, Tulare, Bakersfield and all way stations.

9.15 a.m.—Mixed train daily for Porterville and way stations. Porterville to Fresno on Wednesdays only.

8.40 p.m.—MIXED TRAIN—Daily, except Sunday, for Lathrop and all way stations.

11.10 p.m.—SUNSET EXPRESS—Daily, via Merced and Lathrop; connects at Berenda for Raymond (Yosemite), at Lathrop for Stockton, Sacramento and the East via Ogden and Portland.

11.15 a.m.—MIXED TRAIN—Daily, except Sunday, for Tollacky and all way stations. Arrives at Fresno, returning, at 3.00 p.m.

12.30 p.m.—Daily—Fresno and Stockton Passenger—Madera, Merced, Modesto, Lathrop, Stockton, San Francisco and way stations.

6.30 p.m.—PASSENGER TRAIN—Daily, for Sanger Junction, Reedley, Porterville and way stations.

6.50 p.m. NEW ORLEANS EXPRESS—Daily, for Los Angeles, San Bernardino, Riverside and East via El Paso and New Orleans.

6.15 p.m.—Mixed train for Collis, Mendota and way stations.

11.38 p.m.—Sunset Limited for the East—Every Thursday.

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Ash Fork	8:05 A M	Wednesday	
Flagstaff	10:25 A M	"	
Albuquerque	10:45 P M	"	
Las Vegas	4:03 A M	Thursday	
La Junta	12:20 P M	"	
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TAXPAYERS.

Taxpayers will please take notice that on and after Saturday, May 7, 1898, we shall proceed to make arbitrary assessments of all property not given in before that time. Section 3633: "If any person, after demand made by the Assessor, neglects or refuses to give, under oath, the statement herein provided for, or to comply with the other requirements of this title, the Assessor must note the refusal on the assessment book, opposite his name, and must make an estimate of the value of the property of such person; and the value so fixed by the Assessor must not be reduced by the Board of Supervisors."

J. P. VINCENT,
Assessor Fresno County.

Stockholders' Meeting.

THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE STOCKholders of the Fresno Canal and Irrigation Company, for the election of a Board of Directors to serve for the ensuing year, and for the transaction of such other business as may come before the meeting, will be held at the office of the company, room 9, Fresno National Bank building, Fresno city, California, on Monday, May 9th, 1898, at 2 o'clock p. m.

Fresno, April 22nd, 1898.
4223 W. H. INGELS, Secretary.

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Notice of Commissioner's Sale.

In the Superior court, county of Fresno, state of California.

Geo. Cosgrave, plaintiff, vs. W. J. Robinson, et al., defendants.

WHEREAS, AN ORDER OF SALE IN THE above-entitled cause to me directed, was issued out of the Superior court of said county of Fresno, on the 25th day of April, 1898, on a judgment and decree of foreclosure of mortgage rendered therein and docketed on the 7th day of April, 1898, in favor of Geo. Cosgrave, plaintiff, and against W. J. Robinson and Frank Kanke as administrator of the estate of Martha C. Robinson, deceased, and Charles F. Robinson, defendants, which said judgment and decree is recorded in judgment book, volume 12, of the said Superior court, on page 281, et seq., for the sum of eight hundred and thirty-three and 43-100 dollars, ($833.43), with interest thereon at the rate of 7 per cent per annum from the date of said judgment, and accruing costs.

And whereas, I am commanded by the said order of sale to sell the mortgaged premises to satisfy the said judgment and all costs.

Notice is hereby given that on Saturday, the 21st day of May, 1898, at 12 o'clock m. of that day, at the principal or front door on the west side of the court house, in Fresno, county of Fresno, state of California, in obedience to the commands of said order of sale, I will sell the mortgaged premises in the said order of sale described.

Said mortgaged premises are situate, lying and being in the county of Fresno, state of California, and bounded and particularly described as follows, to-wit:

Lots eleven (11), twelve (12), thirteen (13) and fourteen (14) in block two (2) of Hadsell's addition to the city of Fresno, as the same are marked and numbered upon the official map of said addition now on file and of record in the office of the county recorder of said Fresno county, California, together with all the improvements and appurtenances thereunto belonging.

And that the said sale will be made at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, payable in gold coin of the United States.

Dated Fresno, April 26, 1898.

ROY A. WOLDENBERG, Commissioner.
Geo. Cosgrave, Plaintiff in pro. per. 427

EL DORADO'S GOLD FIELDS

The Mining Revival at Placerville

Greater Than the Gravel of '49 is the Quartz of '98.

"Gold Bug" and "Ida Mitchell" Group of Mines Purchased by Citizens of Fresno.

At an informal meeting held at Fresno several weeks ago, it was resolved to organize a company to engage in mining in California. It was urged at this meeting that many companies, similar to the one proposed, had been organized of late in San Francisco, Sacramento, Stockton, Fresno and other places and had been very successful. That there is a general disposition among people to organize to carry on legitimate quartz mining in this state there can be no question.

It is now generally conceded that with ordinary business judgment used in selecting mining ground and with the use of modern methods of developing it, economically carried on, the risks of mining have been reduced to a minimum. It was urged at this meeting that there is even less risk in gold mining than in agricultural pursuits.

WHERE GOLD WAS FIRST DISCOVERED.

It was stated that the mother lode, which extends at least one hundred and twenty-five miles, and which has already yielded hundreds of millions of dollars, was still comparatively unexplored; that an effort on the part of those present should be made to secure a mine somewhere on this wonderful mineral belt that extends in a northerly and southerly direction through the state. Various places were suggested, but it was finally concluded that that part of the mother lode where gold was first discovered and which is in the center of a gold field that has produced at least one hundred millions of dollars—that the locality which very recently has developed a Gentle Annie, a Griffith Consolidated, a Larkin, a Grand Victory, a Taylor and an Oro Fino, was especially worthy of investigation.

In view of such sentiments prevailing it was then and there agreed to send out a representative to find a mine, and with the preference expressed for Placerville. Since that time mining propositions have been presented from Tuolumne, Placer, Amador, Fresno and El Dorado counties. The proposition, however, presented from El Dorado county has met with the most favor.

MOST REMARKABLE SHOWING EVER MADE

We have given this matter a great deal of attention, and from various sources have learned of the gold producing record of the Gold Bug and Ida Mitchell group of mines.

It should be understood that while there is a winze thirty feet deep, there has been practically no development work done below the sixty-foot tunnel level; that the shaft is now on the pay chute that has yielded fifty thousand dollars, and the ledge of ore where work stopped is not less than twelve feet wide.

The facts we present are not simply those gathered from one expert, but from fourteen of the best citizens of El Dorado county. There are living in Fresno county those to whom we could refer who know of the history of these mines and who indorse the statements made in the report hereto appended. We submit the report herewith, presenting the most remarkable showing ever made in a mining proposition brought to Fresno county.

By proper management these properties, in our opinion, will pay handsome dividends, and with a comparatively small outlay of money in development work. As before intimated, we have carefully examined the merits of these properties; we invest our own money in them; we recommend them as an investment to our friends.

A. J. PEDLAR,
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T. J. KIRK,
O. L. EVERTS,
A. ALBRECHT,
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W. H. HAMMOND.

THE REPORT OF C. S. YOUNG.

The following is the report made by C. S. Young, Esq., to Fresno citizens, who have recently incorporated a company for the purpose of developing the properties. The report includes extracts from the report of A. Thurston Heydon, of state reputation; Colonel D. H. Jackson, whose experience in mining extends over a period of forty years on this coast, and several of the most prominent miners, including bankers, county officials and other citizens of El Dorado county:

To Dr. A. J. Pedlar, O. L. Everts, Esq., and others, Fresno, California.

Gentlemen:—In accordance with your suggestion I have examined, among other properties, the Ida Mitchell and Gold Bug group of mines located within the corporate limits of the town of Placerville, El Dorado county, California, and herewith present my report on the same.

PLACERVILLE, THE GOLD CENTER.

I need not tell you that Placerville is but six miles from Coloma, where gold in California was first discovered, January 24, 1848; that Placerville is the center of a mining district where there have been taken from the surface diggings over $100,000,000; that in fact or fable nowhere in the world's history has there been told a story of such marvelously rich diggings as those in the immediate vicinity of Placerville, including the group of mines referred to. Indeed, from the most authentic sources I have learned that from the very hill on which these mines are located, viz: Sacramento hill, there probably has been carried down by the rains, and possibly glaciers, millions of "pay dirt" to the ravines below, since known as the "rich diggin's." Nuggets valued at hundreds, and in one case as high as $1800, found in the surrounding ravines, have been the erosions from Sacramento Hill, and probably from the very ledge on which these mines are located.

PLAT OF THE TOWN.

The main street of the town of Placerville runs over this property. This street is still rich pay dirt and the city has been offered an immense sum for the privilege of working the street for the gold, those making the offer agreeing at the same time to leave the street in as good condition as it is at present. This the city refused to accept. To protect the surface of the town plat from the conscienceless miner it was provided in the United States patent that "no title shall be hereby acquired to any mine of gold, silver, cinnibar, or copper to any valid mining claim or possession held under existing laws of congress."

THE SURFACE WORKINGS.

In view of the foregoing the surface workings have had to be purchased and paid for as are town lots, and not under the laws relating to mineral lands. This has been done to some extent but it may become necessary to purchase other parcels of land in the immediate vicinity of the proposed shaft and hoisting works.

PLACERVILLE RICH IN NOTABLES.

At the base of Sacramento Hill, and enjoying either directly or indirectly its wealth of gold, formerly lived many of the notables of California. In the early fifties there were Stephen J. Field, George Hearst, M. M. Estee, Stephen T. Gage, Frank M. Pixley, George D. Roberts and scores of others, whose names are familiar to every household. C. P. Huntington had a store at Mathenae Creek, four miles south of Sacramento Hill, and bought dust from Spanish Dry Diggings, Ringold, Weaver Creek, Cedar Ravine, and other points in the vicinity where these mines are located.

Leland Stanford had one store at Cold Springs, four miles west, and another store at Chile Bar, one mile and a half north of Placerville, and it is said that one time he was also interested in diggings at the foot of Sacramento Hill.

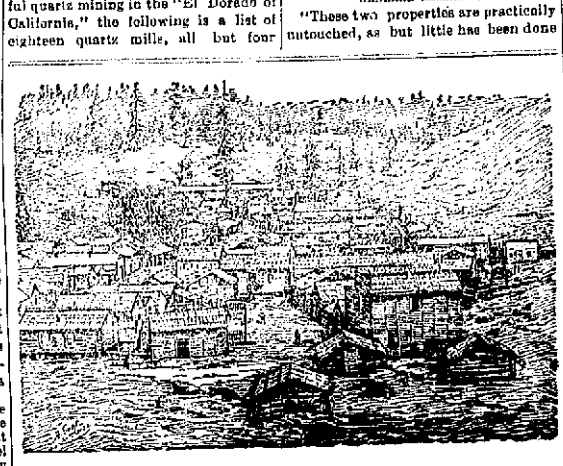
HISTORY REPEATS ITSELF.

Within the past two or three years there has been a revival of mining in and around Placerville that surprises and almost bewilders the placer miner of forty-nine. From the era of placers there were obtained but a sample of a hidden wealth that is being rapidly brought to the surface by more than 300 quartz miners now at work in the vicinity of Placerville. A new and improved edition of the poetic lines is being written for the second half of the century of the Golden Jubilee, "The days of old, the days of gold, the days of '99."

SUCCESSFUL QUARTZ MINING.

As evidence of the revival of successful quartz mining in the "El Dorado of California," the following is a list of eighteen quartz mills, all but four erected within the past four years in El Dorado county, with the number of stamps in each mill:

Mine.	Stamps.
Taylor	40
Grand Victory	30
Oro Fino	30
Union	20
Gearhart	20
Zaneralt	10
Darling	10
Boulder	10
Starlight	10
Poorhouse	10
Gentle Annie	10
Eagle King	10
Espenanda	10
Big Sandy	10
Big Four	5
German	5
Larkin	5
Otto	—
Total	265



PLACERVILLE IN 1850—SACRAMENTO HILL ON THE RIGHT.

MERITS OF THESE PROPERTIES.

I have carefully inspected the ledge on the surface, the old shaft, the tunnels, stopes and winze of the Ida Mitchell and Gold Bug group of mines. In this report I have preferred, however, not personally to go into the details of the merits of these properties, but, instead, to submit to you the reports of others with my indorsement of the same. Among the names appended to the reports that follow are those of the best and most successful and practical mining experts to be found in El Dorado county, or the state of California. Better in my judgment is their opinion of these properties than the combined opinion of a score of foreign experts. I feel assured that in view of their many years of experience in mines similarly located, and the fact that they are not even remotely interested in it, their approval of the value of this mining ground must be absolutely convincing of its merits.

Extracts from a report made by A. Thorston Heydon, the well known mining expert, on the Gold Bug and Ida Mitchell quartz mines.

THE LOCATION.

"These properties are located upon the main central belt of the mother lode, about half a mile from the railroad depot at the town of Placerville and close to the court house. They occupy the premier position, as they lie upon the eastern side of the mariposite greenstone.

THE SIZE OF THE LEDGE.

"While the western boundary is well defined, the eastern has not been determined at the present writing. A crosscut at the end of the tunnel has shown it to be at least 13 feet wide; judging from what is positively known of this belt for thousands of feet northward, it must range in width from 20 to 40 or more feet.

THE PROPERTIES.

"There are two properties—the Ida Mitchell, 800 feet by 400 feet wide, and the Gold Bug, 1500 feet long by 600 feet wide. Both claims contain a portion of the mineral and the union of the two makes one complete property.

PAST WORK.

"Considerable surface work and shallow gouging has been done. The Gold Bug has only had its surface gouged out, but the Ida Mitchell was irregularly gophered by tunnels, shafts and winzes from 1851 to about 1860, during which time it is known to have produced between $40,000 and $50,000, the greater portion of which was crushed out in a hand mortar.

"After this work the property remained idle for a number of years until John I. Reed, a former merchant of Placerville, bonded it and began working by himself; single-handed and in about one year he pounded out between $4000 and $5000 in a hand mortar.

RECORD AS A GOLD PRODUCER.

"This property has been a noted gold producer, and its surface was literally paved with gold. There are persons living today who mined its placer gold by the pound per day, while the prodigious yield of the Hang-Town creek, where it crossed this property is a matter of local history. No estimate can be made of the amount of gold in the placers fed by these 2300 feet beyond the fact that it ran into the millions.

"As stated, the quartz is known to have produced about $50,000, while the winze produced $90 per foot.

VALUE OF THE LEDGE.

"Foster Powers milled about 75 tons of the ore. From the way that the plates were showing up the time 71 or 72 tons had been run through, he judged that it was milling $18 or $20 per ton, but at the very last about a dozen sacks of rich ore was brought in and the run cleaned up between $9,000 and $10,000.

WORKING FACILITIES.

"The facilities for working are of the best. There is nothing left to be desired in the way of accessibility; timber can be procured in abundance at reasonable rates; water under 400 feet of pressure can be obtained by between 3000 and 4000 feet of pipe at a cost of 10 cents per miner's inch per 24 hours.

COMPARISONS.

"As far as indications go this property is worthy of ranking with the Rawhide, the Utica, the Kennedy, the Taylor, the Golden Gate, the Jumper and numberless others, for it shows up as well as they did with equal development.

"Another thing in favor of this property is that so far as known the various ledges of this property in this system contain ore bodies which are approximately opposite. Not only, as stated, do the workings and croppings prove that this property contains a mineral center of value, but the Pacific, which produced $1,000,000 by the time that the 700-foot level was reached, proves this to be a fact. (The Pacific lies adjoining to and south of the Gold Bug and Ida Mitchell group of mines.)

GENERAL REMARKS.

"These two properties are practically untouched, as but little has been done upon them, and that only surface scratching.

"In view of their surface showings, their location upon the 'east ledge' of the mother lode, and the amount of mineral in the croppings which have been seen, these two properties offer a most excellent development proposition to any one who commands sufficient capital to do the requisite work. As a development proposition it offers the maximum returns with only the usual business risk.

"A. THURSTON HEYDON."

(See the report in full.)

STRONG ENDORSEMENTS.

The following will give some idea of the very excellent reputation of these mines, the opinion in some cases being given by expert miners whose experience in mining on the mother lode has extended over a period of many years; in other cases by men whose business reputation is of the very best and whose business with mines and association with miners in and around Placerville have placed them in a position where their opinion also must be considered exceedingly valuable.

The following are in answer to letters of inquiry as to the Gold Bug and Ida Mitchell group of mines:

ON THE MOTHER LODE.

"I have known the Ida Mitchell group of mines, situated on the mother lode in the town of Placerville, for a number of years. I consider it one of the best chances for a mine in the county with a proper amount of money judiciously expended. I would further say that I have made some of the finest quartz jewelry taken from the above mine.

"F. F. BARSS."

(Jeweler in Placerville for forty years.)

GENERAL REPUTATION OF THE MINE GOOD.

"I have lived in El Dorado county over a quarter of a century. I know of the Ida Mitchell mine and have seen some very rich ore that was taken out by the late J. I. Reed. The general reputation of this mine as a development proposition is good, and in my opinion with reasonable development it will make a mine. JOHN MELTON."

(Half owner in the Gentle Annie group of mines, one-third owner in the Brown Bear mine, Trinity county, sole owner of the Eagle King mine and mill, and owner of the Ohio house).

THESE MINES CERTAINLY VALUABLE.

"In answer to yours for my opinion of the Ida Mitchell and Gold Bug group of mines will state that as far as I know they are a good property, as I think there has been something like $25,000 or $30,000 taken out, and some as fine gold quartz as I ever saw. These mines certainly would be valuable if opened up in proper shape, as they have only been down about ninety feet.

JOHN F. LIMPINSEL."

(Owner of the Limpinsel mine, and of the firm of Schiff & Limpinsel, merchants).

WOULD BRING SPLENDID RESULTS TO INVESTORS.

"I have lived in El Dorado county for a quarter of a century and have been interested in mines in other parts of this state. I know the history of the Ida Mitchell and Gold Bug group of mines and am familiar with the character of the ledge and the ore it produces. In my opinion these mines are worthy of development and money invested properly in opening these properties would bring splendid results to the investors.

"M. MAYER."

(Chairman Board of Supervisors and owner in various mines.)

HIGH PAYING PROPERTY.

"Yours, asking my opinion of the Ida Mitchell and Gold Bug group of mines, at hand. Replying, permit me to say that having lived for several years in this place I have often visited the Ida Mitchell mine and have seen some of the richest ore I ever saw taken from any mine on the mother lode taken from this mine. With proper development this mine cannot fail to be a producing and good paying property.

"THOS CLARK."

(President of El Dorado County Miners' Association, sole owner of Lahrecker mine and mill and owner in Franklin mine and mill.)

ONE OF THE BEST MINES IN THE STATE.

"My opinion being asked in regard to the Ida Mitchell group of mines I have no hesitancy in saying, having a knowledge of this property for over thirty years, that I am of the opinion that there is a splendid opportunity to develop a good mine. I believe that there has been no less than $30,000 taken from it already and that with very little outlay. The greatest depth attained is about 90 feet. I have seen prospects which showed for themselves and I am of the firm belief that with proper management it could easily be made one of the best mines in the state.

"GEO. H. GILBERT."

(Sheriff of El Dorado county, formerly miner in Ida Mitchell mine and now owner in several mines.)

RICHEST GOLD QUARTZ WE HAVE EVER SEEN, SAY THE PLACERVILLE BANKERS.

"In answer to yours asking our opinion of the Ida Mitchell and Gold Bug mines, formerly owned by J. I. Reed, would say that within the past thirty years we have bought quite an amount of gold taken from the Ida Mitchell. This mine has produced some of the richest gold producing quartz we have ever seen. The reputation of this mine has always been good. If sufficient amount of money be judiciously expended in the development of this group of mines we would consider the chances for a good producing property as good as at any other point on the mother lode.

"THOMAS ALDERSON, Banker,
"A. MEYSON, Banker."

PROSPECTS OF MAKING DIVIDEND PAYING MINES.

"I have been conversant with the Pacific group of mines for over thirty years. From reliable sources of information I know the Pacific mine produced over $1,000,000, the Rose mine over $500,000, and the Oregon mine over $200,000. The foregoing group of mines lie adjacent to the Ida Mitchell and Gold Bug group of mines. The latter, in point of location and surface indications, have prospects equally as good as did the former to produce dividend paying mines, and in my opinion would prove equally valuable with a like amount of development work done on them. JAMES BLAIR."

(Of Blair Brothers, lumber merchants of Placerville and Sacramento, and former owner of the Ida Mitchell.)

$60,000 OR MORE MINED AND MILLED.

"I have lived in this place and vicinity for over fifty years, and have known of the mines during nearly all of those years, and within the past few years have quite frequently visited the Ida Mitchell in company with the former owner.

"In my opinion there has been $50,000 or more mined and milled from the Ida Mitchell. The indications are that with the expenditure of sufficient money to develop this group of mines they would soon become dividend paying properties. I don't know where there is a better opportunity to invest in a mining property, and take pleasure in giving you this endorsement

M. M. MUFFLEY

(Ex-County Clerk and ex-agent of Wells, Fargo & Co., former owner of the Cary House and now retired capitalist.)

FINE PROSPECT FOR A GOOD PAYING MINE.

"In reply to your question as to my opinion of the Ida Mitchell and Gold Bug mines I would say from my own personal knowledge of the Ida Mitchell mine (having seen the workings for five years past) that it is a good mine. The formation generally is good slate walls with porphyry dikes and iron feeders and from its former record for gold production it cannot be anything else but a good mine if properly worked. South on the Gold Bug there is an ore chute which, I am confident, is very good from all outward indications, and from the way all the ravines leading up to the apex of the hill have paid there is, in my opinion, a fine prospect for a good paying mine.

"A. S. BOSQUIT,"

(County Clerk and owner in several mines in El Dorado county.)

"EAR MARKS" OF A VERY VALUABLE PROPERTY.

"Answering your letter of inquiry as to my opinion of the merits of the Ida Mitchell and Gold Bug mines, I beg to say that it gives me pleasure to speak a good word for these properties. I have known this group of mines upwards of thirty years and at various times during this period have personally inspected the surface and underground workings of the same and personally known the various owners and the results obtained to a large extent. To my best belief there has been mined and milled between $40,000 and $50,000 above the tunnel level. I do not hesitate to say that I consider this property worthy of development, and that it has the "ear marks" of making a very valuable property.

"I do not know of any other undeveloped property that is more promising and more safe to put capital into for development purposes.

"B. G. PARLOW."

(Superintendent of Gentle Annie group of mines and mill and half owner of the same.)

BELIEVED TO BE A VALUABLE MINE.

"You request my opinion of the Ida Mitchell or Reed mining property in this city. It is only by personal observation that I know anything about its operation or ownership. For more than thirty years, off and on, acquaintances and neighbors of mine have been doing surface work upon it, which has developed what is generally believed to be a valuable mine. As a result of these desultory workings, which antedate townsite titles, a well-defined mining claim has been established and transmitted from one claimant to another, the last of whom was the late John I. Reed, a near neighbor of mine.

"In the last three years of his life, by such intermittent work as a sick man could do, he took from the mine about $5000. Upon what I deem reliable information in any business affair of my own, Kenney, Holloway and others, his predecessors in interest, realized much larger sums. Few quartz mines, worked by hand to the same depth, have as good record. The legal title of his father, which includes all prior or adverse interests, is now in Dr. Clarence Reed, for the benefit of his mother. His ownership and right of possession are therefore believed to be indisputable and I think undisputed.

G. J. CARPENTER."

(Former attorney for S. P. R. R. Co., Ex-Superior Judge El Dorado county; ExState Senator, and now Editor and Proprietor of the *Mountain Democrat*.)

ONE OF THE SAFEST PROPOSITIONS IN THE STATE.

"As you requested, I have examined the Ida Mitchell and Gold Bug mine, situated in El Dorado county, California, within one-quarter mile of the railroad depot at Placerville, and about eight miles from Coloma, the place where gold was first discovered in California.

"This property is located squarely on the great mother lode, so famous for the hundreds of millions of gold it has produced. This property was worked in a crude way in the early days of the district. At the time very little quartz mining had been done in the state, before the days of giant powder, when the hand mortar was used to reduce the ore to obtain gold. Yet under this crude method from forty to fifty thousand dollars in gold was obtained, while the greatest depth reached was only ninety feet. All the work done in the mine now could be duplicated, with the present cost of labor and machinery, for less than $5000.

"These claims had been idle for a number of years, until a short time ago. The owner having failed in business, started to work the claims by himself, and working all alone he has taken out over $4000, reducing his ore in a hand mortar. There is a great deal of ore on the dump that will pay well to mill.

"The work he has done so far has been through a tunnel, cutting the vein about sixty feet deep. The foot wall is the regular mother lode, greenstone or mariposite. There is a good vein of ribbon rock and slate on the foot wall about twelve feet in width, carrying a large percentage of sulphurets that will pay to mill.

"Most excellent power can be had with about 400 foot pressure by laying a pipe less than 2,000 feet. Water costs 10 cents per miner's inch for twenty-four hours.

"This property is admirably situated for cheap working and can be reached from San Francisco in seven hours. The climate is unsurpassed. The snow never falls to a greater depth than six inches and usually disappears in a few hours.

"There is a winze sunk below the tunnel about thirty feet deep; it is said that the ore taken from the first fifteen feet milled a little more than $16 per ton.

"Last fall I continued this winze about fifteen feet deeper and took out some rich ore showing plenty of free gold and some of this ore I still have.

"I consider this property one of the very best and safest mining propositions in the state having a like amount of development work done.

"D. H. JACKSON."

(Ex-superintendent of the following mines: Union Com. mine, Virginia City, Nevada; Holmes mines and mills and other mines of the Doris syndicate (limited) of London, England, Candelaria, Nevada; Sierra Grande mine, Lake Valley, New Mexico; Virtue mine, Baker City, Oregon; Grand Victory mine and also the owner of Salisbury mine, Placerville, California.)

Trusting that the foregoing, with a small box of samples of ore valued at $000 in free gold, taken from the mine and herewith presented, will convince you, as my personal investigations have convinced me, of the value of Gold Bug and Ida Mitchell group of mines, I am, very respectfully,

C. S. YOUNG.

Placerville, Cal., April 19, 1898.

His Ankle Crushed.

Joseph Ruvado, aged 27 years, made an unsuccessful attempt to board the Porterville train at Mono street last evening, and fell under the wheels. His right ankle was crushed, and the foot will be amputated this morning at the county hospital, whither the injured man was taken.

GREAT VICTORY HAS BEEN WON BY AMERICA'S FLEET

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can squadron forced the forts, and before daybreak appeared off Cavite. The night was completely dark. At 7.30 the bow of the Reina Maria Christina took fire, and soon after the poop also was burned. At 8 o'clock with my staff I went on board the Isla de Cuba. The Reina Maria Christina and the Castilla were then entirely enveloped in flames. The other ships, having been damaged, retired into Baku bay. Some had to be sunk to prevent their falling into the hands of the enemy. The loss of life is numerous, notably Captain Cardona, a priest and nine other persons."

LATE LAMENTATIONS.

Spaniards Bewailing the Desolation of Manila.

LONDON, May 2.—Dispatches from Madrid, dated 2.20 a. m., say the city is now tranquil, although the mounted guards are patrolling all the main streets.

At the theaters, cafes and in front of newspaper offices, last evening, the people loudly lamented the unpreparedness of Manila to resist the American war ships, whose attack had long been expected.

The Madrid authorities are determined vigorously to suppress all street demonstrations.

JOY IN SACRAMENTO.

Patriotic Services Held in the Churches.

SACRAMENTO, May 1.—The news of Rear Admiral Dewey's victory at Manila caused great enthusiasm here this evening. The *Record-Union* sent up a number of rockets which aroused the people all over the city and for miles in the country. Cheers were given by the crowds as they read the news on the bulletin board. Patriotic services were held in churches, one of which was attended by the two local infantry companies in uniform.

To Guard the Powder Works.

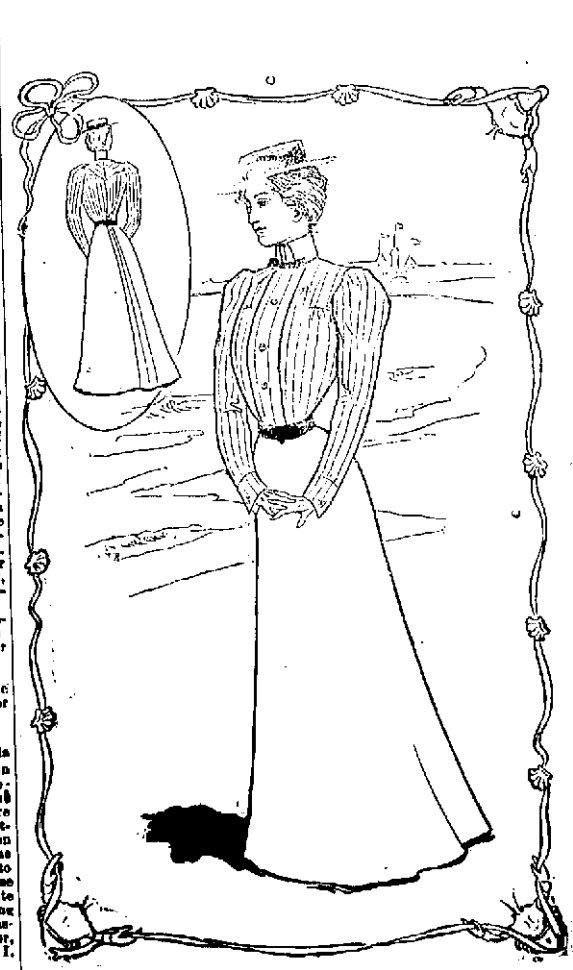
WILMINGTON, Del., May 1.—This morning batteries G and M, Fourth artillery, U. S. A., arrived at Mount Chanin, a small station near the Dupont Powder works. They will act as a guard at the powder works. Since the explosion of powder mills in different parts of the country, the government and the Dupont company have feared treachery on the part of Spanish agents.

Yesterday's Ball Game.

The ball game yesterday at Athletic park between the Fresno and San Francisco resulted in a score of 12 to 11 in favor of the visitors. It was a slow game and many inexcusable errors were made by both teams. Company C, N. G. C., participated in a flag-raising event, which took place between the fourth and fifth innings. The spectators were quite enthusiasti cover the demonstration.

Burglars at Work.

Last night two burglars broke into the residence of H. H. Upton on Tuolumne street while the family was out visiting. The marauders secured a pistol, two pocket books and $75 worth of silver. They were frightened away by the return of Mr. Upton, and left behind some of their intended plunder.



SHIRT WAIST AND WASH SKIRT FROM HARPER'S BAZAR